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1. SUMMARY. COORDINATION COMMITTEE COMPLETED DISCUSSION OF ITEM RE MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE DOCUMENTATION OF THE COUNCIL IN ONE SESSION. THE COMMITTEE TOOK NOTE OF REPORT OF SYG (E/5355) AND ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS A DRAFT DECISION STREAMLINING THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL TO THE GA. DRAFT DECISION QUOTED IN FULL BELOW. END SUMMARY.

2. COUNCIL SECRETARY CORDOVEZ INTRODUCED SYG REPORT RE RECENT MEASURES TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE DOCUMENTATION OF THE COUNCIL. IN PARTICULAR HIS REMARKS WERE DIRECTED TO IMPROVE THE REPORT OF THE COUNCIL TO THE GA THUS, FUTURE REPORTS WILL CONSIST, UNDER EACH ITEM, OF COMPLETE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF VARIOUS ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL, WITHOUT DETAILED ACCOUNT OF RELEVANT DEBATES. THIS WILL BE MORE USEFUL TO DELEGATIONS SINCE THEY RARELY REFER TO ACCOUNTS OF PAST DEBATES BUT MORE FREQUENTLY REQUIRE A REVIEW OF BACKGROUND OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM.

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3. PROPOSAL MET WITH GENERAL AGREEMENT ON PART OF COMMITTEE

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DRAFT DECISION WAS THEREFORE ADOPTED. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY FROM NETHERLANDS DEL, SECRETARY ANNOUNCED, BEGINNING NEXT YEAR, ALL COUNCIL DECISIONS WILL BE NUMBERED FOR IMPROVED CLASSIFICATION.

4. WITH EXCEPTION OF USUAL USSR DEL COMPLAINT RE DELAY IN RUSSIAN TRANSLATIONS AND FRENCH DEL COMPLAINT RE MORE CAREFUL FRENCH TRANSLATIONS, ONLY REAL ISSUE WHICH CAUGHT EVERYONE'S ATTENTION WAS PLEA BY FINNISH REP (BREITENSTEIN) FOR WATER CARAFES FOR DELEGATIONS. LACK OF WATER, WHILE UNFORTUNATELY NOT LEADING TO MORE SUCCINCTINTERVENTIONS, HAS LED TO MUCH GRUMBLING AMONG DELS FOR GOOD OLD AMERICAN ICE WATER WHICH IS READILY AVAILABLE TO ALL AT UN HDQTRS. A FOND BIT OF NOSTALGIA FOR NEW YORK FROM THESE PARCHED DELS*

5. DRAFT DECISION RE COUNCIL REPORT TO GA FOLLOWS. QUOTE.

THE ECOSOC DECIDES THAT ITS REPORT TO THE GA SHALL CONSIST OF:

(A) THE INTRODUCTION TO THE REPORT SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT;

(B) A CHAPTER CONTAINING THE ISSUES WHICH ARE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF, OR WHICH REQUIRE ACTION BY, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

(C) A CHAPTER CONTAINING A SUMMARY OF THE DEBATE ON INTER-NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICY, INCLUDING REGIONAL AND SECTORAL DEVELOPMENTS;

(D) UNDER EACH ITEM CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL- WHICH MAY

BE GROUPED UNDER APPROPRIATE CHAPTERS-A SUCCINCT REVIEW OF THE BACKGROUND THEREOF AND A REPERTORIAL SUMMARY OF THE RELEVANT DEBATES, INCLUDING ALL PROCEDURAL STEPS AND RECORDS OF VOTING, AND OF THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL. IF THE ITEM HAS BEEN REFERRED TO A SESSIONAL COMMITTEE, THE FULL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CONCERNED SHALL BE REPRODUCED;

(E) A CHAPTER ON ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS;
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(F) ANNEXES CONTAINING THE AGENDA OF THE SESSION OF THE COUNCIL; THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL AND OF ITS SUBSIDIARY AND RELATED BODIES; AND THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS. END QUOTE.

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